

**ITEM**     LABOR AGREEMENT: BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS AND THE  
          PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL #41    

**INITIATED BY**     The Plumbers and Fitters Local #41    

**ACTION REQUESTED**     APPROVAL OF LABOR AGREEMENT    

**PREPARED & PRESENTED BY**     Linda Williams, Human Resources Manager    

**REVIEWED & APPROVED BY**     Cheryl Patton, Assistant City Manager    

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is to approve the Labor Agreement between the City of Great Falls and the Plumbers and Fitters Local #41.

MOTION:

I move that the City Commission approve the Labor Agreement between the City of Great Falls and the Plumbers and Fitters Local #41, and authorize the City Manager to execute said Labor Agreement.

SYNOPSIS:

Attached is the proposed two-year labor agreement between the City of Great Falls and the Plumbers and Fitters Local #41.

BACKGROUND:

The terms of the proposed agreement are for a two-year period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. The economic impact is 3% each year.

The major changes from the previous agreement are:

1.     Article 24, Duration  
       The dates were changed to reflect the duration of the agreement, 1/1/08 – 12/31/09.
  
2.     Schedule A  
       The salary schedule was updated to reflect a 3% increase effective 1/1/08 (with 25¢/hr. deferred to pension), and a 3% increase effective 1/1/09 (with an additional 25¢/hr. deferred to pension).

3. Schedule B, Item 2(A): Pension

The amount the City contributes into the Plumbers' and Pipefitters' National Pension Fund was updated to reflect the 25¢/hr. employees deferred 1/1/08, increasing contribution amounts from \$2.25/hr. to \$2.50/hr; and effective 1/1/09 the additional 25¢/hr employees deferred, increasing contribution amounts from \$2.50/hr. to \$2.75/hr.

4. Schedule B, Item 2B: Health Insurance

The contribution rates were changed to reflect current City and employee contribution amounts in effect 1/1/08, with the current contribution percentages (90% City, 10% employee). If the contribution percentages change 7/1/09, the contract will be opened to negotiate the changes.

The language was also modified to ensure compliance with the City's Section 125 Plan, which requires employees to be given the option of the health benefit being either pre or post tax.

**A G R E E M E N T**

**BETWEEN**

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS**

**AND**

**PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL NO. 41**

**January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009**

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into at Great Falls as of the \_\_\_ day of March, 2008, by and between the CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY", and the PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL NO. 41, hereinafter referred to as the "UNION", who have mutually agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### RECOGNITION AND PURPOSE:

The CITY recognizes the respective UNION signatory hereto as the exclusive representative of all of its employees who are subject to the terms of the Agreement, for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay wages, hours of employment, working conditions and all other conditions of employment. The CITY recognizes that the employees covered by this Agreement are maintenance, service, and new work employees, including assigned meter installation. The present recognized jurisdiction of the Plumbers and Fitters Local No. 41 shall be maintained during the term of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 2

### SUCCESSORS:

In order to effectuate the purpose of this agreement, the parties agree that this agreement shall be binding upon their successors or assigns.

## ARTICLE 3

### DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Employee" and "employees" shall mean employees of the CITY who are members covered by this Agreement, but excluding supervisory employees and management employees as defined by Montana Law.
- B. "Permanent employee" means an employee who is assigned to a position designated as permanent in the CITY's Budget.
- C. "Temporary employee" means an employee assigned to a position designated as temporary in the CITY's Budget, created for a definite period of time, not to exceed nine (9) months.
- D. "Full-time employee" means an employee who normally works forty (40) hours a week.
- E. Base Pay defined as: Employee's hourly pay rate in that category to which an

employee is ordinarily assigned exclusive of longevity or any other special allowances.

## ARTICLE 4

### UNION SECURITY:

4.1 Employees who are members of the UNION on the date this AGREEMENT is executed shall, as a condition of continuing employment, maintain their membership in the UNION. All future employees performing work within the jurisdiction of the UNION involved shall, as a condition of continuing employment become members of such UNION within thirty (30) days of the date of their employment and the UNION agrees that such employees shall have thirty-one (31) days from date of employment within which to pay UNION's initiation fees and dues. If the employee fails to pay initiation fees or dues within thirty-one (31) days or fail to effectuate the provisions of Section 59-1603(5) of the Montana Statutes, the UNION may request in writing that the employee be discharged. The CITY agrees to discharge said employee upon written request from the UNION involved. CITY agrees not to discriminate against any employee for membership in the UNION or for lawful UNION activities, provided such activities do not interfere with the efficient operation of the various departments of the CITY.

Employees qualifying under Section 59-1603(5) shall pay an agency fee, equivalent to the regular initiation fee, and UNION dues as provided for in the local union, for the purpose of administering the AGREEMENT.

The CITY shall notify the UNION in writing of employees hired that may be affected by this AGREEMENT within five (5) days from the date of hire and said employee shall be notified to make contact with the UNION.

4.2 The CITY agrees to deduct the UNION monthly dues and initiation fees from each employee's wages upon written authorization of the employee. The deductions shall be made once each month and the total of such deductions made payable to the UNION.

4.3 It is understood the UNION shall have the right to use Business Agents, Shop Committees, or Stewards to adjust grievances as they arise. The CITY agrees that local Business Agents for the UNION shall be given access by the CITY to members of the UNION at the places of business of the CITY during hours of operation for the purpose of ascertaining whether the terms of this AGREEMENT are being observed if the agent does not disrupt the normal CITY operations, except for unsafe conditions.

4.4 The UNION will notify the CITY in writing what representative (Business Agent, Shop Committee or Stewards) it will use in matters relating to grievances, interpretation of the

AGREEMENT, or in any other matters which affect the relationship between the CITY and UNION.

4.5 The UNION agrees to indemnify, defend, and to hold the CITY harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, costs or fees which may be sought or incurred by the CITY as a result of any action taken by the CITY under the provisions of Article 4.

4.6 In consideration for the "save harmless" clause above, the CITY agrees that the UNION shall maintain the exclusive right to defend, settle, mitigate damages, litigate and /or take whatever action is necessary or it deems proper with respect to a person who sues the CITY for action taken by the CITY under Article 4.1. If the CITY unilaterally determines that it desires attorneys to represent it in defense of such actions, it shall do so at its own cost and not at cost of the UNION. It is further agreed that the CITY shall promptly notify the UNION of any such action and if filed and the UNION shall, at its own option, defend such actions and/or settle under the circumstances above described.

## ARTICLE 5

### STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS:

5.1 The parties hereto pledge their efforts to reach agreement on any difficulties that arise during the life of this AGREEMENT.

5.2 It is mutually agreed that there will be no strikes, lockouts or cessation of work by either party on account of labor difficulties during the life of this AGREEMENT.

5.3 It is agreed that the above provision shall not apply in the event no collective bargaining settlement is reached at the termination date of this AGREEMENT.

5.4 It shall not be a violation of this AGREEMENT to refuse to cross a legal picket line.

5.5 The UNION and the CITY agree that "strikes" or "lockouts" will not prevent the UNION or the CITY from providing emergency operation of the water and wastewater systems and/or other systems that are essential to the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

5.6 The UNION may "strike" the CITY on any issue that the CITY does not agree to settle by binding arbitration. The CITY may "lockout" the UNION on any issue that the UNION does not agree to settle by binding arbitration.

## ARTICLE 6

### MANAGEMENT RIGHTS:

The CITY shall have the right to operate and manage its affairs in such areas as but not limited to:

- (a) direct employees;
- (b) hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees;
- (c) relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work is inefficient and nonproductive;
- (d) maintain the efficiency of CITY operations;
- (e) determine the methods, means, job classifications, and personnel by which the CITY operations are to be conducted;
- (f) take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the missions of the CITY in situations of emergency;
- (g) establish the methods and processes by which work is performed, including the utilization of advancements of technology.

The foregoing enumeration of the CITY Management's Rights shall not be deemed to exclude other functions not specifically covered by this AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE 7

### EMPLOYEE RIGHTS/GRIEVANCE:

7.1 Grievances or disputes which may arise, including the interpretation of the AGREEMENT, shall be settled in the following manner:

Step 1:

The Division Supervisor will attempt to resolve any grievances that arise in his Division.

Step 2:

- A. If the employee is not satisfied with the Division Supervisor's decision, he may reduce the Grievance to writing and submit to the UNION for evaluation. The written grievance shall contain the following information:
  - 1. The nature of the grievance and the facts on which it is based.
  - 2. The provisions of the AGREEMENT allegedly violated if applicable.
  - 3. The remedy requested.
  
- B. No grievance shall be considered or processed unless it is submitted within ten (10) working days of the first knowledge and no later than ten (10) working days of first occurrence.

Step 3:

If within ten (10) working days the grievance has not been resolved, it may be submitted to the City Manager or his designee for adjustment.

Step 4:

The City Manager shall render a decision within fifteen (15) working days.

7.2 Waiver: If a grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered "waived." If a grievance is not appealed to the next step in the specific time limit or any agreed extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the CITY's or UNION's last answer. If the CITY or UNION does not answer a grievance or an appeal thereof within the specified time limits, the UNION or CITY may elect to treat the grievance as denied at that step and immediately appeal the grievance to the next step. The time limit in each step may be extended by mutual agreement of the CITY and the UNION.

## ARTICLE 8

### WAGES AND PAY PERIODS:

Attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A is a list of the agreed wage schedule, classifications, and rates of jobs of employees covered by and for the duration of this AGREEMENT. Exclusive of unforeseen emergencies, all employees covered by this AGREEMENT shall be paid at least semi-monthly. The CITY will make every effort to have paychecks by 4:00 p.m. on payday.

## ARTICLE 9

### HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME:

9.1 Subject to the special work schedules set forth herein, the normal work week shall consist of five (5) days of eight (8) continuous hours each, except for a normal lunch period. Any schedule other than Monday through Friday will be worked out with employees, and the UNION will be notified.

9.2 One and one-half (1½) times the regular straight time rate will be paid for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in one day or forty (40) hours in any one week. In no case shall overtime pay be paid twice for the same hours worked.

9.3 CITY agrees that each permanent full-time employee will be given the opportunity of working at least forty (40) hours of each work week except those in which any of the holidays provided for herein occur; during work weeks in which any said holidays fall upon any work day, CITY agrees that each permanent full-time employee will be given the opportunity of working thirty-two (32) hours of work week specified herein. The CITY and UNION will discuss the maximum number of hours in the work week prior to any reduction of hours on the part of the CITY. Holidays shall be counted as days worked in computing the initial forty (40) hours for overtime purposes. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as a limitation on the right of the CITY to lay off employees as otherwise provided in this AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE 10

### CALL BACK:

10.1 An employee called in for work at a time other than his (her) normal scheduled shift (off duty) will be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours for 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and up to 11:00 p.m. on a normal work day and four (4) hours minimum at all other times paid at one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular rate except on Saturdays and Sundays where the employee called in will be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours between 6:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. An extension or earlier report to a regularly scheduled shift on duty does not qualify the employee for the two (2) hour minimum; however, the employee must be notified by 10:00 p.m. in order to qualify for an early report.

10.2 The CITY may assign such employee to any work which he/she normally performs during the call-back period.

## ARTICLE 11

### SENIORITY:

11.1 Seniority means the rights secured by permanent full-time employees by length of continuous service with the CITY. Seniority shall not be effective until a six (6) month probationary period has been successfully completed, after which seniority shall date back to the date of last hiring. Seniority rights shall apply to layoffs, scheduling of vacations, and transfers; that is, the last employee hired shall be the first laid off.

- A. Seniority shall be broken when an employee:
1. terminates voluntarily or retires;
  2. is discharged;
  3. is absent for one (1) working day without properly notifying the Employer.
  4. fails to report for work after layoff within three (3) working days after being notified by mail at his/her last known address;
- B. No new permanent employees will be hired until all laid off employees who have seniority in that classification who are qualified to fill the open job have been given the opportunity to return to work.

## ARTICLE 12

### PROBATIONARY PERIODS (FOR WORK EVALUATIONS ONLY):

12.1 All newly hired or rehired (after twelve (12) months absence) employees will serve satisfactorily a six (6) month probationary period.

12.2 All employees will serve a six (6) month probationary period in any dissimilar job in which the employee has not served a probationary period.

12.3 At any time during the probationary period, a newly hired or rehired (after twelve (12) months absence) employee may be terminated at the sole discretion of the CITY.

## ARTICLE 13

HOLIDAYS:

13.1 Full-time employees shall be granted the following holidays each calendar year:

- a. New Year's Day, January 1
- b. Martin Luther King Day, third Monday in January
- c. Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February
- d. Memorial Day, last Monday in May
- e. Independence Day, July 4
- f. Labor Day, first Monday in September
- g. Veterans Day, November 11
- h. Thanksgiving, fourth Thursday and Friday in November
- i. Christmas, December 25
- j. Every year in which a general election is held throughout the State (General Election Day)

13.2 Designated holidays falling on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, as provided in 2-18-603, MCA, shall be entitled to receive a day off with pay on the day preceding the holiday or on another day following the holiday in the same pay period. If a day off cannot be provided, the employee will receive eight (8) hours of pay at the regular rate of pay.

13.3 If the employee is required to work on the designated holiday and is not given a day off in lieu of the holiday, he/she will be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the regular hourly rate plus holiday pay.

13.4 If the employee is required to work on the designated holiday and is given a day off in lieu of the holiday, the employee will receive pay at the regular rate for every hour worked on the holiday.

13.5 An employee must be in a pay status either the last regularly scheduled working day before or the first regularly scheduled working day after a holiday is observed to be eligible to receive holiday benefits.

ARTICLE 14

## VACATION:

Vacation shall be earned and accumulated as provided in the Revised Codes of Montana.

Vacation time earned but not used at the time of termination shall be paid the employee at his/her base pay. Vacation time shall be granted at the time requested insofar as possible, subject to the requirement of service. Vacations shall be posted and the most senior employee shall have the first choice as to his/her vacation time; also he/she shall be given a choice of a split vacation if he/she so desires.

Vacations shall be posted so as to start on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year. If an employee desires to take his/her vacation other than the period requested he/she must contact his/her immediate supervisor and arrange for same. All vacations are to be based on each employee's anniversary day of hire.

All vacations will be posted between November 1 through December 31. Any protest over vacation dates must be submitted, in writing to the division head before January 1 or no adjustments will be made.

In the case of vacation schedules, seniority shall govern by division with the most senior employee given first (1st) choice of when he/she shall take his/her vacation. Employee may split vacation provided that in no event may be less than one week to be taken at any time nor may more than two vacation periods be scheduled in any one calendar year except that, with the approval of the division head, an employee may schedule as many as five (5) of his days to be taken one day at a time as long as all other vacation time is taken in at least one week segments and no more than two periods throughout the year. Seniority shall apply on first split only.

## ARTICLE 15

### SICK LEAVE:

15.1 Sick leave shall be earned and accumulated as provided in the Montana Codes Annotated.

15.2 Employee may take sick leave for the following reasons:

- (1) Personal illness, including doctor and dentist appointments. Employees are requested to give 24 hour prior notice of doctor and dentist appointments, except in case of emergencies, or unforeseen circumstances.
- (2) When urgently needed to care for an employee's spouse, children, mother, father, or any other member of the household who is ill; this may not exceed three (3) days at any one time.
- (3) When there is a death in the immediate family, five (5) days sick leave may be granted.

- (4) The "immediate family" shall mean: spouse, children, mother, father, sisters, brothers, grandparents, grandchildren and corresponding in-laws.

15.3 The Employer may require appropriate verification and or doctor's release for any absence which is charged to sick leave. If such verification is requested and not provided, the request for sick leave shall be disallowed.

15.4 Employees are required to follow the following two steps in order to be eligible for payment of sick leave pay:

- (1) Report thirty (30) minutes prior to shift to his/her supervisor the reason for absence.
- (2) If the absence is for more than one (1) day in length, the employee must keep his/her division head informed of his/her condition, when physically possible.

15.5 Worker's compensation benefits, which are received by an employee during sick leave, shall be deducted from compensation due the employee and shall be credited to the employee's sick leave.

15.6 "Leave of Absence" time shall not be deducted from normal sick leave or vacation time and shall be taken without compensation until the employee's return to his/her regular job.

15.7 Death Benefits: All personnel shall receive Public Employee's Retirement System death benefits which presently are as follows for beneficiaries of members who die before retirement:

- (1) Lump Sum. All contributions to P.E.R.S. plus interest and one (1) month's salary for each year of service up to six (6) years.

15.8 Sick Leave Donations: Sick leave utilized must not exceed the amount accrued by the employee. If an employee is ill and has exhausted his/her sick leave credits, and needs more time away from work, he/she may utilize his/her accrued annual leave. If an employee is ill and has exhausted all his/her sick leave and vacation leave credits, and needs more time away from work, members of the UNION may donate one (1) day of sick leave to any CITY employee on an individual basis. Requests for donations must be approved by management. Maximum employee can receive or donate is fifteen (15) days in a calendar year.

## ARTICLE 16

REST BREAK:

There shall be a fifteen (15) minute break midway in the first (1st) half of a shift and midway in the second (2nd) half of shift for all employees covered under the terms of this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 17

JURY DUTY:

An employee who is under proper summons as a juror shall collect all fees and allowances payable as a result of their service and forward the fees to the CITY. Juror fees shall be applied against the amount due the employee from the CITY. An employee may elect to charge the juror time off as annual leave and not remit the juror fees to the CITY. The CITY may request the Court to excuse an employee summoned for jury duty if needed for proper operations of the City.

An employee dismissed before three (3) p.m. will be required to report back to work if not on annual leave.

ARTICLE 18

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Employees are eligible to apply for a leave of absence without pay for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The granting and extent of a leave of absence without pay is at the discretion of the City. During such leave, the employee shall not accrue any benefits, including but not limited to sick leave and vacation leave. Employees must self-pay health insurance premiums while on an approved leave of absence.

ARTICLE 19

HOT MEAL:

In the event an employee is required to work more than two (2) hours overtime following a regular shift and for each additional five (5) hours of overtime he/she shall be provided a hot meal by the CITY and be given a reasonable amount of time to eat. Employee will not be paid for any time utilized to eat.

For health purposes, all employees shall be provided clean-up facilities prior to meals. Morning meal limited to \$4.50 and evening meal to \$9.00.

ARTICLE 20

LONGEVITY:

For purposes of longevity only, time shall be computed from the date of an employee's permanent date of hire. The first payment under this provision will be made in December of 2002 for the longevity earned during the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The following schedule of benefits shall be paid to employees who accrue seniority in the time elements stipulated.

Longevity Plan: Subsequent to the completion of ten (10) full years of employment, employees who otherwise qualify will receive supplemental longevity pay as provided in the following schedule:

<u>YEARS OF TENURE</u>	<u>LONGEVITY PAY ALLOWANCE</u>
After 10.0 years through the end of the 15th year	\$10.00 per month
After 15.0 years through the end of the 20th year	\$20.00 per month
After 20.0 years through the end of the 25th year	\$30.00 per month
After 25.0 years through the end of the 30th year	\$40.00 per month
After 30.0 years or more years	\$50.00 per month

Longevity pay will be paid to the eligible employees in a lump sum amount once each year in December for any longevity pay earned as of the previous June 30th. The maximum payment to be for twelve (12) months.

#### ARTICLE 21

##### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY:

The UNION and the CITY agree to cooperate in an Affirmative Action program to ensure that no individuals shall be discriminated against with respect to compensation, hours or conditions of employment because of age, race, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or public assistance status.

#### ARTICLE 22

##### SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT:

22.1 During the term of this AGREEMENT and any extensions hereof, no collective bargaining shall be had upon any matter covered by this AGREEMENT or upon any matter which has been raised and disposed of during the course of the collective bargaining which resulted in the consummation of this AGREEMENT, unless mutually agreed by both parties.

#### ARTICLE 23

##### SAVINGS CLAUSE:

In the event any Federal or State law or final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction ruling conflicts with any provision of the AGREEMENT, the provisions so affected shall no longer be operative or binding upon the parties, but the remaining portion of the AGREEMENT shall continue in full force and effect. The CITY and the UNION agree to meet as soon as possible for the purpose of negotiation on the provision or provisions so affected.

#### ARTICLE 24

##### DURATION:

This AGREEMENT shall continue in full force and effect from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009; and thereafter, it shall be considered automatically renewed for successive periods of twelve (12) months unless at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of any twelve (12) month's effective period either party shall serve written notice upon the other it desires cancellation, revision, or modification of any provision or provisions of this AGREEMENT. In this event, the parties shall attempt to reach an agreement with respect to the proposed change or changes; and at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date of the AGREEMENT, meetings to consider such changes shall be held by the parties.

In the event the parties do not reach a written agreement by the expiration date of or in the particular year as provided herein, then this AGREEMENT shall in all respect be deemed void and terminated.

The parties hereto by written agreement may extend said period for the purpose of reaching a new agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the UNION and the CITY have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed in their names by their duly authorized representatives at Great Falls, Montana, this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2008.

FOR THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS

FOR THE UNION

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plumbers and Fitters, Local #41

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney - Reviewed as to Form

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

# SCHEDULE A

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA  
AND  
PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL NO. 41

The following changes and additions are hereby made a part of the agreement dated the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2008, between the City of Great Falls, Montana, and the Plumbers and Fitters Local No. 41, as fully and completely as if the same were set forth in its entirety therein.

During the term of this AGREEMENT, the following rates will be paid:

	<u>January 1, 2008</u>		<u>January 1, 2009</u>	
	3% increase = 70¢/hr. Split: 25¢ on pension 45¢ on wages		3% increase = 72¢/hr. Split: 25¢ on pension 47¢ on wages	
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>New Hire</u>	<u>6 months</u>	<u>New Hire</u>	<u>6 months</u>
Maintenance Plumbers	\$21.50	\$21.66	\$21.97	\$22.13
Plumbing Inspectors	\$21.50	\$21.66	\$21.97	\$22.13
Master of Record	\$21.50	\$21.66	\$21.97	\$22.13
Apprentice:		<u>1/1/08</u>		<u>1/1/09</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> year - 55% of Journeyman rate:		\$11.91		\$12.17
2 <sup>nd</sup> year - 65% of Journeyman rate:		\$14.08		\$14.38
3 <sup>rd</sup> year - 75% of Journeyman rate:		\$16.25		\$16.60
4 <sup>th</sup> year - 85% of Journeyman rate:		\$18.41		\$18.81
5 <sup>th</sup> year - 95% of Journeyman rate:		\$20.58		\$21.02

Work for the City that ordinarily would not require a building inspector's permit for new construction by any company, private or public, shall be considered "maintenance work." In exception to the aforesaid, the City maintenance plumbers shall be allowed to do remodeling and new work for the City. Water meter installation, repair and maintenance shall be performed utilizing management's discretion.

## II

All plumbing work for the City of Great Falls shall be accomplished by licensed plumbers, in accordance with Montana State Law and state and local code. All recognized pipe related work performed by other jurisdictions at the present time shall continue.

Work not requiring a permit is defined as maintenance work. Maintenance work includes the stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, clearing of stoppages, and repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures, when such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

The Master Plumber is responsible for assuring that all work performed by City Plumbers is in compliance with state and city plumbing codes.

## III

Whenever the City requests temporary employees for maintenance work, the UNION shall furnish such employees; and they shall receive the same rate of pay and union pension contributions as provided in the current contract with the City.

## IV

Upon approval to recruit for a position covered by this agreement, the City will notify the UNION and request a list of qualified personnel. Said list of qualified personnel must complete a City application packet and will be considered along with applicants obtained through the City's normal recruitment practices.

SCHEDULE B

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA  
AND  
PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL NO. 41

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Special Conditions - Inspectors:

- A. The UNION shall have jurisdiction over those employees of the CITY classified as Plumbing Inspectors only.
- B. Applicants for the position of Plumbing Inspector shall possess at least one of the following qualifications:
  - (1) Master's license in the plumbing field;
  - (2) Certification as a degreed, registered engineer with a minimum of one year's work experience in the appropriate discipline at the time of employment;
  - (3) A bachelor's degree in engineering with a minimum of three year's work experience in the appropriate discipline at the time of employment;
  - (4) A minimum of five year's work experience in the appropriate discipline at the time of employment.
- C. Any inspector assigned to the Building Inspection Division who is qualified, whether covered by this Agreement or not, may be required to perform the normal duties of any other inspector assigned to said Division when:
  - (1) Said inspector is absent due to illness, vacation or other authorized absence;
  - (2) An emergency situation exists (i.e., flood, fire, earthquake, or other act of God);
  - (3) Necessary for efficiency of operation.

2. Plumbing Inspectors, Maintenance Plumbers and Master of Record:

- A. PENSION:  
The CITY shall contribute two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) effective 1/1/08, increasing to two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) effective 1/1/09 to the Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund for each hour for which a Plumbing Inspector, Maintenance Plumber or Master of Record receives pay.

B. HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Employer agrees to provide non-occupational health and accident insurance coverage for each insurable regular employee and insurable dependents thereof immediately following the period of exclusion provided by the terms of the master policy.

A City health insurance contribution in the amount listed below will be added to the employee's gross pay. This portion of the employee's gross pay is hereinafter referred to as the "Contribution." As part of this collective bargaining agreement, employees are required to participate in the city's health insurance plan on either a pre-tax or post-tax basis. If an employee elects to participate on a pre-tax basis, the employee shall authorize a payroll deduction from the employee's gross pay equal to the City's contribution. This deduction from the employee's gross pay will be paid into a fund maintained to provide health benefits for eligible employees.

If an employee elects to participate on a post-tax basis, the Contribution shall be taxable income to the employee and the employee shall authorize the payment of the Contribution value, after its deemed receipt, toward the employee's health insurance.

It is hereby acknowledged that both employee and employer retirement contributions will be required on this additional gross income, causing a decrease to the net income of the employee. It is also the intent of the employees and the City that the Contribution be excluded from the determination of the employee's "regular rate" of compensation as that phrase is defined under 29 U.S.C. § 207(e)(4). In the event that any subsequent law, court, arbitrator, or other lawful authority determines that the inclusion of the City's health insurance contribution in the employee's gross pay should be included in overtime compensation calculations, then the parties agree that there will be a corresponding adjustment to the affected hourly rate, pay or benefit to carry out the intent of this provision. The intent of such adjustment will be to result in the least net financial effect on both the employee and the employer.

\*The City's contribution of the composite rate will increase with future increases to the composite rate.

The CITY agrees to contribute the following amounts, not to exceed ninety (90) percent of the premium beginning 1/1/08, for each eligible employee covered by this Agreement into the City's Health Insurance Plan. Any additional premium charges after 1/1/08 and all increases in premiums through 6/30/09 will be shared to maintain the City's 90 (ninety) percent contribution of the total premium and the employee's contribution of 10%.

If the contribution percentages (90% City, 10% employee) change effective 7/1/09, the

parties have agreed to open the contract for negotiations.

Type of Coverage	7/1/07 (15% increase)		7/1/08 (10% increase)	
	City Composite Contribution	Employee	City Composite Contribution	Employee
Employee	\$712	\$16	\$783	\$ 21
Employee & Spouse	\$712	\$72	\$783	\$ 80
Employee & Child(ren)	\$712	\$69	\$783	\$ 76
Family	\$712	\$95	\$783	\$105

- a. The City reserves the right to add to the benefit plan in effect prior to August 1, 1988, with no obligation to negotiate, and retains the right to delete or modify any or all the added benefits with no obligation to negotiate.

Effective 7/1/97, the City reserves the right to add to, delete from, or modify the benefit plan, with no obligation to negotiate, and retains the right to delete or modify any or all of the added benefits with no obligation to negotiate.

- b. The City shall be at liberty to make an independent selection of the insurance carrier, including the option of partially or fully self-funding with no obligation to negotiate.

- C. The CITY will designate one (1) Master of Record who shall be paid sixty cents (60¢) per hour worked over the regular rate. The Master of Record is responsible for assuring that the work performed by CITY Plumbers is in compliance with State and City Plumbing Codes. The Master of Record performs duties which require him/her to regulate peers.

3. Apprentices

A. PENSION:

Employers contributing to the Plumbers and Fitters National Pension Fund for apprentices shall be remitted at the rate of 50% of the contribution rate for journeyman. Therefore, the City shall contribute one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) effective 1/1/08, increasing to one dollar and thirty-eight cents (\$1.38) to the Plumbers and Fitters National Pension Fund for each hour for which an apprentice receives pay, to the Apprentice Training Fund.

B. HEALTH INSURANCE

The City agrees to contribute the same amounts as listed in Item 2 (B) above.